

The Ranch Forecaddie

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Golf in May

We begin May of 2020 with great hope that we may see the beginning of the change back to "normal." The crisis from the COVID-19 virus has created many unique obstacles to negotiate, and we are very happy that we have been able to remain open. Stay in tune with the Forecaddie to keep up to date with everything pro shop and golf course related. In the sections following you will find all the information relating to this month in golf, as well as contact information for our golf associations and our greens committee. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

See you at the pro shop!

Mike Jahaske, PGA

Director of Golf

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club



Pro Shop Schedule

Pro Shop Hours - Open 30 minutes before the first tee time and 1 hour before shotguns. Soft close at 3:30pm as staff go out to check the course carrying the pro shop cell phone (520-561-1196).

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time 5-1 to 5-31: 7:00

Morning Shotgun: 8:00

Afternoon Shotgun: 1:00

Rate Periods:

5-1 to 5-31: Prime 7:00 - 11:52

Midday: 12:00 - 1:52

Twilight: 2:00 - 3:22

Super Twilight: 3:30 - Sunset



Golf Maintenance Schedule

A maintenance plan is put into place at the beginning of the year. Variance in weather and agronomic conditions may require changes to the schedule.

May Maintenance Schedule

In May, no special maintenance is scheduled; but it is a time when the crew is starting to mow the rough and has backed off the use of rye seed in most areas. The Bermuda turf is coming out of dormancy and fertilizing and minor cultivation practices that can be done around play will begin. Work on the perimeter of the course will slow down and eventually stop as the larger area of turf to manage becomes the dominant task. **Beginning in June heavy maintenance projects will start, so please take a look at the maintenance schedule posted on Chelsea for a comprehensive listing of maintenance closures or restrictions.**



The 2020 golf maintenance calendar was updated a few months ago; so if you haven't looked at it, please take a look! Several adjustments have been made and include the overseeding dates, aerifying process, and summer Wednesday maintenance days.

Free Monthly Golf Clinic

The clinic for May has been cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions.

Golfing News

Chelsea Guest Pointing Change and Pointing Guide

As you are aware, Chelsea has a feature that allows you to add guests to your request for placement onto the tee sheet.

We support and encourage you inviting your guests to play the course.

Unfortunately, over the years many have used this feature to hold tee time space or block others from being placed within their tee time. This activity created a strong call from other resident golfers that the golf operation take measures to discourage that practice.

The mechanism put in place was to have the guest be pointed and for those points to go to the resident sponsor of the guest. We have always removed any points for legitimate guest placements so the resident would not be penalized, but those abusing the system would hopefully be curbed from doing so.

Unfortunately, the current guest pointing scale is no longer having that effect. Combined with the 10-minute spacing and residents playing more rounds each week due to COVID-19 restrictions curtailing other activities, the guest feature abuse is keeping residents who want to play unable to do so.

We consulted with Chelsea and they recommended an increase in the guest pointing scale to help resolve the issue. Considering that all legitimate guest pointing will be removed and abuse of guest pointing is now keeping residents off the golf course, we felt compelled to follow their advice.

Due to our role in policing the Chelsea Tee Time Reservation System and to allow the fairest placement possible, we have proceeded as advised.

As always, all legitimate guest points will be removed when you notify us.

On the following page please see the updated Chelsea Pointing Guide, ***the only change made was in guest pointing.***

Golfing News Continued

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Chelsea Pointing Policy

Points are assigned at **Placement** (automatically by the Chelsea program) and **Day of Play** (manually by the staff for changes to the tee sheet). Point assignment criteria are listed below.

Placement: **Resident** golfers will receive two (2) points. **Playcard** golfers will receive one (1) point. **Annual** golfers will receive a one half (.5) point. **Bonus** points, which will *reduce* the .5, 1, or 2 points by .10 for each hour of difference between the requested time and the placed time, will be utilized for a maximum of .5 points.

Therefore, at any given time, a resident placed on the tee sheet during the placement process will receive a minimum of zero (0) points up to a maximum of two (2) points. Groups will be ranked from the least amount of points to the highest points. Prioritization will be based on average points of the players on the request. The group with the least amount of points has the highest priority and will be placed on the tee sheet accordingly. Residents can make changes to their tee time up until midnight prior to the day of play.

- **Resident with Guests** receive (3) points for each of their guests at placement. Residents with *legitimate* guests are eligible to have those guest points removed upon request to the Golf Professional.
 - **No Shows** receive two (2) points. If a resident and/or their guests are **No Shows**, the resident will receive two (2) points for themselves and each of the guests as well.
 - **Walk Ons** receive one (1) point. Residents are considered **Walk Ons** when they book a tee time after placement (within the last five (5) days) or on the day of play.
 - **Replacements** receive two (2) points. There are three potential scenarios:
 1. *On the day of play*, when a substitute for another resident already on the tee sheet shows up, that substitute resident receives two (2) **Replacement** points and the resident not present receives two (2) No Show points.
 2. When a resident is **replaced** on the tee sheet *before the day of play only the replacement* receives two (2) **Replacement** points.
 3. When a "guest" is replaced on the tee sheet *before the day of play the replacement* receives two (2) **Replacement** points and the resident who the guest was associated with will receive two (2) No Show points
 - **System Abuse:** If a resident has used **incorrect names for the express purpose of booking earlier tee times or to hold a spot on the tee sheet to keep others from filling it**, then five (5) penalty points *may* be assigned to the Captain and/or entire group. This action requires prior approval of the Golf Professional.
 - **Failure to Follow Direction:** Rangers may request, after properly addressing a golfer or group of golfers, for five (5) points to be assigned to each resident or group for failure to follow direction. This may involve refusal to move forward by skipping all or part of a hole, not allowing another group to play through, or not adhering to cart rules. This action requires prior approval of the Golf Professional.
 - **Verbal Abuse to Staff:** Residents or groups of residents that verbally abuse pro shop or maintenance staff in lieu of addressing their concerns with management may be assigned five (5) penalty points upon approval of the Golf Professional.
 - **Points Lifecycle:** Chelsea looks at points within an eighteen (18) day window; these being thirteen (13) days in the past and five (5) days into the future (placed tee sheets). Each day old points fall off and new points are added based on the activity of the golfer within the system.
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Golf Maintenance News

Course Update May 1

With warm weather finally here, the golf course has changed dramatically over the last several weeks. Temperatures at or above normal for April was exactly what we were hoping for and you can see how the warm weather has influenced new Bermuda grass growth now that dormancy mechanisms have been broken. My approach headed towards transition is more careful and cautious this year. Instead of aggressive herbicides to thin the ryegrass, a growth regulator was applied to tees, collars, approaches and fairways. These products do not kill ryegrass. Instead they simply stop the growth which shifts the competitive advantage in favor of the Bermuda. Fading of the ryegrass is more evident on thinner fairways such as 7 and 10. This is normal and we are doing all we can to make the transition as smooth as possible this year.

We are ready to go June 1 when we close. We will attempt to do something that no 18 hole golf course that I know of has ever done. During this week, we core aerify greens, tees, collars, approaches and fairways. Fairways will be aerified but with solid tines. There will be no soil on the turf on opening day. Greens will be done first and will be mostly healed for opening day. The dryject contractor will also start their work. This machine injects sand into the turf 4 inches deep on 3 by 4 inch spacing. This process aerifies amends and topdresses in one pass, will reduce the bio mass and organic matter. It will also dilute our excess thatch layer. And if that's not enough for one week, we have secured a sod company to install 60,000 square feet of big roll sod on 7, 15 or 18. They will come back during the 2nd closing do the same thing.

Other things the crew has been working on are the construction of new Rust tee on hole one. This tee was undersized and too small to allow the turf to recover even with proper tee marker rotation.

Hopefully everyone has noticed the landscape projects we are doing around tees. New decorative rock has been installed on several holes as well as native desert plants and boulders. This provides a clean look and makes a big impact on how these areas present themselves.

That's about it for now. Getting ready for June! See you on the course.

Chris Blake, GCS



Ask the Pro

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This month I answer one of the questions submitted for the new "Ask the Pro" column.

Question: I'm trying to perfect the follow through to achieve more distance.

1. Can you describe where the hands and club head should, ideally, end up after successfully following through on, say, a drive?
2. Is there a simple exercise that would strengthen the core muscles that are used in achieving this goal?

Answer:

1. The golf swing is a pivot of the body, so the defining positions at any point in the swing should first relate to where the torso is. The follow through, or finish of the swing, should end with the torso supported by the hips, legs, and feet in balance over the left side for a right-handed player. If this is achieved, the arms will be roughly on the left front of the torso and when relaxed the club would fall on the left shoulder.

2. A good place to start for core support is the legs. Squats are a simple exercise to begin with. If weight is added, the effort to move in the exercise while holding form allows the supporting muscles to get a work out at the same time.

As with any exercise program, please check with a medical professional before beginning. Proper form of doing squats can be found here: <https://www.silversneakers.com/blog/beginners-guide-squat/>

Send me your questions via email, and I will put one in this article for next month!

Mike Jahaske PGA



Contact Information

Pro shop: 520-818-6403 **After Hours Cell:** 520-561-1196

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Chelsea: <https://sbranch.chelseareservations.com>

Your Chelsea home page has access to tee times and events as well as the golf event and maintenance calendars, special event news, rate sheets and annual/play card applications, seasonal daily frost delay info and golf starting times, and greens committee minutes.

SBRMGA: www.sbrmga.org

SBRWGA: www.sbrwga.com

SBR Ranchette Putters: <https://ranchetteputters.wordpress.com>

Greens Committee: sbrgreencommittee@gmail.com

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